

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**Between the States of Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas**  
**For the Improvement of Election Administration**  
**December 2005**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made between the Honorable Robin Carnahan, the Honorable Chester J. Culver, the Honorable John Gale, and the Honorable Ron Thornburgh, Secretaries of State respectively of the States of Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas (the "States"), as follows:

WHEREAS, the States, through the offices of the respective Secretaries of State of each State and under the authority of the respective State law of each State, are each separately implementing a variety of changes to elections processes as required by Public Law 107-252, the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA); and

WHEREAS, the respective Secretaries desire to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to set forth the terms of an agreement between the respective Secretaries, on behalf of their respective States, to establish between them and between the States a process for each State to improve election administration; and

WHEREAS, the details of such an agreement not yet being fully known to the respective Secretaries, it is desirable that the States develop the essential terms of such an agreement and explore the legal, technical or other issues that need to be addressed in such an agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Secretaries of State, hereafter referred to as the "Secretaries", in exchange for the mutual promises and commitments contained in this Memorandum of Understanding, do hereby agree as follows:

1. The States agree to form a task force, through the offices of the respective Secretaries of State, to research a process for the States to improve election administration, including but not limited to
  - a. A process for cross-checking voter registration data;
  - b. Cooperative training of election officials;
  - c. Cooperative testing of election systems;
  - d. Cooperative improvements for election security processes
  - e. Establishing uniform protocols for international observers.
2. Each Secretary shall designate such staff from their respective offices as may be deemed necessary to carry out the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding.

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Staff for the State of Missouri are designated as Betsy Byers, Co-Director of Elections, and Carl L. Medley II, Director of Information Technology.

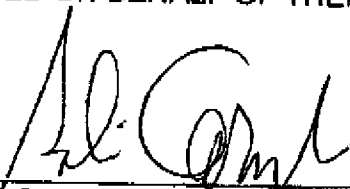
Staff for the State of Iowa are designated as Charles J. Krogmeier, First Deputy, and Sara Throener, Voter Registration Director.

Staff for the State of Nebraska are designated as Ron Moravec, Chief Deputy, and Neal Erickson, Deputy for Elections.

Staff for the State of Kansas are designated as Brad Bryant, Deputy for Elections, and Mike Stewart, Director of Information Technology.

3. The staff working on the Project shall make progress reports to the Secretaries on or before March 15, 2006.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THEIR RESPECTIVE STATES by:



Robin Carnahan  
Missouri Secretary of State

Date

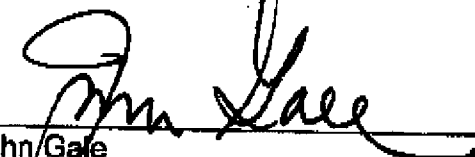
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Chester J. Oliver  
Iowa Secretary of State

Date


Dec 11, 2005



John Gale  
Nebraska Secretary of State

Date

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Ron Thornburgh  
Kansas Secretary of State

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